

So, Mr. Speaker, I am profoundly concerned over the Department of Justice's overbroad and chilling behavior with respect to the Associated Press. Seeking records for 20 phone lines, giving the AP no notice, refusing at this point to discuss their behavior feels to me like overreach.

Mr. Speaker, it's time for the Department of Justice to stand back. You can imagine that there is somebody out there today who has a failure to report who is chilled and says, I will not do that because of the approach that the Department of Justice has taken.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to serve in the very core of democracy, but this Chamber rests on foundations, and a key part of that foundation is a free and competent press.

THE 29ERS

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, across the country, employers are holding office meetings and the announcements are going something like this: We love you guys, but here's what we make, and here's what ObamaCare will cost us. We can't stay in business with ObamaCare, but if we cut everybody back to 29 hours a week, we can avoid the mandate and stay in business.

There's even a name for them now: the 29ers. ObamaCare was sold on three claims, all of which were false:

That it would save people money. In fact, it's producing crippling increases in health plans costs.

That it would be good for the economy. In fact, the CBO estimates it will cost the economy a net loss of 800,000 jobs.

That if you like your plan, you can keep it. Well, many are finding not only is that a lie but they can't keep their jobs either.

Madam Speaker, let's pull the plug on this before it wrecks our health care and our jobs.

SUPPORTING GARMENT WORKERS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Just this past Sunday, our Nation celebrated Mother's Day, a day that honors the mothers of our Republic. In March, we observed Women's History Month, honoring the progress toward full equality of over half our population.

Thus, one would have thought that when over 1,100 garment workers in Bangladesh—seamstresses, sewers, cutters, helpers—died working in dangerous factory conditions for an average wage of \$38 a month, America's retailers would have been the first to sign the landmark international safety agreement to improve the working conditions of these workers, who are predominantly women.

Surely, when 20 percent of Bangladesh's exports, mostly garments, are destined for U.S. buyers, our Nation's clothing firms should be on the front lines fighting for decent working conditions and a fair day's pay, not exploiting women workers.

But only Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein have stood up for women garment workers, millions of invisible hands working in death traps, making so much of the clothing we wear that is marketed in our country.

So, where are Walmart and Sears? Where is the Gap? Where is Target? They appear to be missing in action. We need to reward those companies that care about workers and women workers in particular. When you think about buying clothing, think Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein and ask, Where are the others? Without conscience and, obviously, on the wrong side of honor.

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REPEAL OBAMACARE: ECONOMIC REASONS

(Mr. BROOKS of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. America struggles under President Obama's economic policies:

Nearly 12 million Americans are out of work. Last month, almost 280,000 Americans were forced into part-time jobs because their hours were reduced or they couldn't find a full-time job;

The average workweek and weekly take-home pay for Americans dropped;

The best measure for employment, the Labor Participation Rate, is at 63.3 percent, the worst since the economic malaise of President Jimmy Carter.

With the Obama economy doing so poorly, why implement a law we know will kill, according to the Congressional Budget Office, some 800,000 American jobs?

ObamaCare undermines the ability of American companies to hire workers. It stymies economic growth, and it's only going to get worse. Even top Democrats admit as much. One of the law's authors, Senator MAX BAUCUS, called it a "train wreck."

Madam Speaker, we must stop the train before the wreck. It's time to repeal ObamaCare before it does even more damage to the American economy.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "REPLACE" IN REPUBLICANS' "REPEAL AND REPLACE"?

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Okay, 38th time repealing all or part of the Affordable Care Act. Now, the Republican mantra was "Repeal and Replace," but somewhere along the way they forgot about the "replace" part. So tomorrow, total repeal.

Well, what does that mean? I've got a few concerns.

It means insurance companies can go back to rescinding, that is, taking away your policy when you get sick even if you've been paying premiums. They could do that until this law passed.

And 3.1 million young adults, 18 to 26, oops, you're off your parents' policy. Sorry. No insurance.

5.3 million seniors who got their doughnut hole reduced last year, sorry, you're back in the bill doughnut hole.

3.54 million people in private plans who got free preventative procedures last year, sorry, those aren't free anywhere.

Up to 17 million children with pre-existing health conditions would again be denied coverage.

105 million people in health care plans that previously had lifetime limits, well, your lifetime limit is back.

So total repeal, no replace, doing incredible damage to seniors, children, and many other insured Americans.

IRS TARGETS CONSERVATIVE GROUPS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, you know, during a commencement address in 2009 President Obama "joked" about the IRS auditing university officials for failing to award him an honorary degree. Now fast-forward to last Friday, when we learned that the IRS has been targeting conservative groups.

Madam Speaker, the misuse of the IRS power is no laughing matter. As Chief Justice John Marshall once said, "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

Folks and groups back home seeking to express their support for our hard-fought freedoms and liberties, for limited government, and for a better America should never be subjected to intimidation because of their political beliefs—never.

The use of the IRS as a political weapon is unacceptable. What's worse, this is the same agency that will be enforcing ObamaCare.

We must hold those responsible accountable. That's why the Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing this Friday.

The American people deserve the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. And if you're as outraged as I am, call the White House at this number that's right there in front of you. We must make sure it never happens again.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1